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In re Application of:)
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Kouji MATSUO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2814
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Application No.: 10/815,932) Examiner: Rao, Shrinivas H.
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Filed: April 2, 2004) Confirmation No. 9409
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") mailed October 16, 2007, from the Japanese Patent Office in Counterpart Japanese Application No. 11-267207, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date

of that communication. A copy of the listed foreign patent literature document is attached.

In lieu of a statement of relevance, a complete English language translation of the Notification is provided. A copy of the Notification in Japanese is also attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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